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In re Application of:

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 2, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 2, 2009 in the above application wherein claims 1, 3-10, and 12-25 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.